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The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the Office action dated April 22, 2005. In the Office action, claims 49 and 51 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on McDougall (US5,999,966) in view of Olds (US6,078,810), claims 52, 53 and 56-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on McDougall in view of Olds and further in view of Mussman (US6,188,687), and claims 54, 55 and 61 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration of the application. Applicant traverses the rejections, but nevertheless amends the claims as shown above. With these amendments, applicant cancels claims 18-52, without prejudice, rewrites allowable claims 54 and 61 in independent form, and amends claims 53 and 56-58 to depend from claim 54.

Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for allowance, in view of the above amendments and remarks. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner issue a Notice of Allowability covering the pending claims. If the Examiner has any questions, or if a telephone interview would in any way advance prosecution of the application, please contact the undersigned attorney of record.

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